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# The Texas Spur

## THE DICKENS ITEMS

Some Day The Spur Country Will be the Greatest Diversified Agricultural Section of Texas.

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NUMBER TWENTY

### Mit Reynolds suffers Broken Leg and a Crushed Foot in Unloading Poles

M. C. (Mit) Reynolds suffered a broken leg and crushed foot Friday of last week while unloading a car of electric light poles at the depot. One of the large poles fell on Mr. Reynolds' foot with the result that the foot was severely crushed and bones of the leg broken.

### S. C. Fallis Suffers Three Broken Ribs in fall from ladder

S. C. Fallis, painter, paper hanger and contractor, fell from a ladder Friday of last week while at work, with the result that three of his ribs were broken.

While Mr. Fallis suffered greatly from the accident, he is reported doing nicely and recovering satisfactorily at this time.

### Foreman Painfully Injured in W. T. U. Construction work

It is reported that the foreman in the construction work for the West Texas Utilities Company, was very painfully injured Friday of last week when he was bumped on the head by some of the large timbers.

Friday was very evidently an unfortunate day, there being three accidents occurring that day in Spur. Mit Reynolds suffered a crushed foot and broken leg; S. C. Fallis broke three of his ribs when a ladder fell with him, and this accident at the light plant.

All of the injured are reported doing well.

### Webber Williams Appointed Justice of the Peace

Monday of this week the Commissioners' Court appointed Webber Williams as Justice of the Peace of Spur Precinct Number Three, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge F. N. Oliver who died Sunday morning.

Petitions asking the court to appoint Judge D. A. Young and S. B. Roddy, were also circulated, each of the three petitions being numerously signed.

Immediately after the appointment Webber Williams was sworn in and is now "Judge Williams" at the head of Justice Court.

### Rural School Inspector Coming March 21

Jefferson G. Smith, with the Department of Education at Austin, will be in Dickens county on Monday, March 21st, for the purpose of inspecting the rural schools of the county making applications for state aid.

Judge Brummett has been visiting the schools regularly, stating that all of them were doing excellent work and making exceptional progress this year.

### Two-Days Agricultural Short Course a Big Success

The two-days Agricultural Short Course by the International Harvester Company under the auspices of Spur Chamber of Commerce Thursday and Friday of last week, combined with an entertaining program every particular and will result in material benefit to the country in encouraging and pointing the way to better farming and better living.

The International Harvester Company maintains a large force of experienced and scientific men in its agricultural department, and in thus sending them out over the country giving free instructions to the people, are doing a great work which will later be felt and duly appreciated.

The programs here, as in all the towns visited throughout the country, were largely attended by those interested and concerned and who will derive benefit therefrom.

### Three Months Lease Extensions Asked by Clancy-English Oil Test Interests

R. D. Clancy and L. E. English, are in Spur this week in an endeavor to arrange for drilling the test well on the J. C. Jones tract to a depth of four thousand or forty five hundred feet, the hole now being down to a depth of 3,550 feet, completing the former drilling contract.

Messrs. Clancy and English are asking that the payment of one dollar per acre lease contracts be extended three months by land owners within the blocked acreage, thus giving them an opportunity to complete their titles and contracts made with other oil concerns in drilling operations.

Mr. Clancy stated that unless this extension of lease payments were granted that they would be unable to arrange for further drilling on this test, thus it behooves every individual interested in seeing this test completed to accede to the request for lease payment extensions.

Messrs. Clancy and English have fulfilled every contract made to the people in securing the blocked acreage to be tested for oil. If given this extension asked for, and continued cooperation, a more thorough oil test will be made, and the probability is that not only will the Jones test be drilled deeper, but one or more other tests drilled within the acreage.

The true facts, as briefly given to us by Mr. Clancy, is that only three of the oil companies taking 'spreads' with them in drilling these tests, have made proper settlement, the other companies withholding settlement of their prorata expense upon title technicalities and delaying payment until the lease paying period has passed, thus causing the leases to forfeit and possibly relieving them of further responsibility of meeting their agreements.

Under the circumstances, we all should be willing to help by extending the payment of our leases for three months.

J. J. Martin, of Red Mud, was in town during the week, trading and meeting with his friends.

A girl baby was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pickens.

### RURAL SCHOOL INSPECTOR COMING!

Notice is hereby given that the Rural School Inspector from the Department of Education will arrive in Dickens county on Monday, March 21st, and will visit and inspect all schools applying for State Aid according to the following schedule:

Monday, March 21st:  
Highway, 1 p. m.  
Dry Lake, 2 p. m.  
Espuela, 3 p. m.  
Tuesday, March 22nd:  
McAdoo, 9 a. m.  
Duncan Flat, 10 a. m.  
Chandler, 11 a. m.  
Afton, 1 p. m.  
Wednesday, March 23rd:  
Prairie Chapel, 9 a. m.  
Midway, 10 a. m.  
Croton, 1 p. m.  
Dickens, 3 p. m.  
Thursday, March 24th:  
Red Hill, 9 a. m.  
Duck Creek, 10 a. m.  
Steel Hill, 1 p. m.  
Wilson Draw, 2 p. m.  
Friday, March 25th:  
Peaceful Hill, 9 a. m.  
Spring Creek, 10 a. m.  
Twin Wells, 10:30 a. m.

All trustees are urged and expected to be present at their respective school when the Inspector comes, and all teachers should have their certificates with them for registration.

Respectfully,  
H. A. C. BRUMMETT,  
Ex-Officio Co. Supt

### D. H. Sullivan Will Make the Race for Mayor of Spur

To the Voters of Spur:  
I have been solicited to make the race for Mayor of Spur, and as I am not seeking any office, I thought I would answer through the columns of The Texas Spur.

Now, if the people want me to serve them as Mayor without pay I will do so, and see that all graft, if there is any, is eliminated. We are now paying \$185.00 per month for a water superintendent to collect our water bills, and also paying \$120.00 per month for his assistant. These two men cost \$3,660.00 per year. If I am elected this expense will stop, believe me. I will cut this water expense \$2,500.00 per year, then you will have cheaper water. We will also have lower taxes and cheaper light rates, and telephones will also come in for a cut. If I am elected the people will know each month just how much money has been collected and paid out and what it was paid out for.

Now that the present board of Commissioners have employed this water man for the incoming Commissioners—which can't stick—you people who have paid one dollar to connect onto this sewer will be refunded the amount paid. Also the one dollar inspection charged on this sewer work will be refunded. I don't know why he charged this dollar. Maybe he spent four years learning the plumbers trade, and is trying to get some of his money back. I understand he is an employee of the city at a salary of \$185.00 per month and that he is not a licensed plumber or inspector. People should refuse to pay such charges. To make a story short, this sewer system is a joke—ask some of your neighbors. I can refer you to some of mine.—Respectfully, D. H. SULLIVAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Pentecost, of Cross Cut, Coleman county, are here this week, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Westerman, at their home in the west part of the city.

### Trial of Negroes for Morgan Murder will be Called Monday

The trial of the two negroes charged with the murder of Bob Morgan will commence Monday morning at Crosbyton.

There will be a number of Spur people to attend the trial as witnesses and spectators.

Not more than a day, two days at the outside, is expected to be consumed by the trial.

### Hargrove Gin Burned Down Tuesday Morning Early

The M. Hargrove Gin was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning about two or three o'clock. The gin was a complete loss, amounting to the sum total of some forty or fifty thousand dollars.

The gin was not in operation at the time, and the origin of the fire is not known.

Mr. Hargrove informed us that the gin would be rebuilt in time for the beginning of the fall ginning season, the present ginning season being so nearly ended that it would be impossible to rebuild and install machinery in time to do ginning before another crop is made.

This is one among the biggest losses by fire to occur in Spur, and Hargroves has our sympathy in the misfortune and loss.

### Avalon Club Elects New President and business directors

At a meeting of the Avalon Club membership held last week, M. C. Golding was elected president, Jim Sample chairman of the entertainment committee, and W. E. Putman as one of the directors.

The officers of the club now are as follows: M. C. Golding, president; Hubert Wester, vice-president; W. A. McAlpine, secretary and treasurer; with L. H. Perry, Roy Harkey, Jim Sample, Bill Putman as the board of directors; W. A. McAlpine, Jim Sample and Tom Morrison as the entertainment committee.

The club gives entertainments at their club rooms each Friday evening, which is enjoyed by a membership of about forty and their invited guests.

### A Number of Candidates Will be Nominated for Places on City Ballots

Aside from those already announced for city offices there are a number of others being mentioned and some of whom will very probably be entered in the campaign.

Judge Cowan has been very persistently and strenuously solicited to allow his name to be submitted for mayor, and while he refuses to engage in a campaign, he stated to us that of course should he be elected to the place he would serve. Jas. F. Williams has also been solicited for the place, as has G. H. Snider.

For commissioners, other than those heretofore mentioned and also those already announced, John McCulloch and J. P. Wilkes, and J. E. Johnson have been named as good men for the places.

### Spur Hardware and Furniture Co. Gutted by Fire Saturday morning

A disastrous fire occurred Saturday morning when the warehouse department of the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company was gutted by fire.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed that it came from a lighted cigarette or sparks from burning trash blown underneath the building. A high wind was blowing at the time and such sparks could have come from a considerable distance. The Spur fire department did excellent work in holding down the fire and preventing its spread by the high wind.

The loss is estimated at from seven to ten thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance.

One contributing feature in preventing the spread of the fire was the new pressure fire truck which was kept pumping water through the fire hose at a greatly increased pressure.

### 4 School Trustees to be Elected April Fifth to Serve

An election will be held on the fifth day of April for the purpose of electing four new members to the Spur Independent District School Board.

Chalk Brown and T. C. Ensey, two of the board members who recently resigned rather than not follow the instructions of patrons at the former election, have already been nominated as two of the candidates, and will very probably be given a solid vote of commendation by school patrons.

Among others mentioned as suitable timber to run along with these two gentlemen are J. V. McCormick, Dr. J. E. Morris, Jim Edd Hall, M. Hargrove.

There will probably be a number of names placed on the ticket for the favorable consideration of voters and school patrons.

An election will also be held the same day for City offices, thus making Tuesday, April 5th, a most important and interesting election day in Spur.

### Announcements for City Offices of the City of Spur

The Texas Spur is authorized to make the following announcements as candidates for City office of the City of Spur, in the election to be held April 5th for the purpose of electing a Mayor, one Street Commissioner and one Water Commissioner:

For Mayor:  
NED HOGAN  
D. H. SULLIVAN  
For Street Commissioner:  
WEBBER WILLIAMS  
H. A. BOOTHE  
For Water Commissioner:  
ROY STOVALL  
C. H. PERRY

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of near the city of Dickens, were among the number in Spur the latter part of the past week and also again the first of this week, trading with the merchants and also selling butter and eggs and other home produce from their farm home.

### Judge F. N. Oliver Died Sunday Morning in Spur

A pall of sadness and sorrow was cast over the town and community Sunday when it was learned that Judge F. N. Oliver had died during the early morning hours, and passed to his reward in the Great Beyond.

Judge Oliver had been in failing health a year or more, but up until Thursday preceding his death was able to attend to his official duties as Justice of the Peace of this precinct, to which place he was elected in November.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Spur Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, and Monday morning the body was carried to Lockney, his former home, for interment. At Lockney a number of the old timers, who knew and were associated with Judge Oliver in earlier years, were present to pay him their last respects and also made talks at the cemetery.

Judge Oliver was a citizen of the "old school" and in the prime of life was a leading factor and power in promoting development progress of the country. He was born in Florence, Alabama, February 17th, 1848, being just past seventy nine years of age at the time of death. He came to Texas, locating at Denton in 1868, where he later engaged in the newspaper business, editing and publishing newspapers for years at Denton, Pilot Point, Lewisville, Dallas, Rockport and Lockney. In 1901 he came to West Texas, establishing the Lockney Beacon which publication continues today under the same name. In the earlier days Judge Oliver was associated with the promoters and builders in the establishment and development of Oak Cliff, there also establishing and publishing a newspaper in connection with the promotion of the townsite, later serving the town as its first Mayor and contributing materially in the progressive development of the town and its every public institution.

Judge Oliver was a charter member in the organization of the Texas Press Association and throughout his newspaper career regularly attended the annual meetings and actively participated in the deliberations of the association.

Aside from his newspaper activities Judge Oliver was also active in Texas Oddfellowship and assisted in the location of some of their state institutions.

In 1915 Judge Oliver moved with his family to Spur, first purchasing a suburban home and engaging in the truck farming business, later purchasing hotel property in the city and establishing the "Oliver House" where his death occurred. Surviving him are his wife and three daughters, Marie, Pauline and Estelle, of Spur, and four sons, Ben of New York City, Frank of Washington, D. C., Coke of Slaton, and Clifton of Amarillo; a brother, J. F. Oliver of Portales, New Mexico, and a sister, Mrs. C. A. Floyd of Lockney.

Since coming to Spur Judge Oliver served two or three terms as Justice of the Peace, and was active in public affairs and in promoting the good of the people. One of his most notable public acts was in making a fight for the removal of a differential freight rate assessed by the railways, and under handicaps almost unsurmountable and in opposition to the powers that be, he was instrumental in having this extra charge removed, thus saving hundreds of dollars to the town and the country.

In the death of Judge Oliver a good and useful citizen has passed on to his reward.



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 The Chiropractic Radio Club will broadcast over K F Q B, Fort Worth, Texas, a program consisting of a lecture by Dr. H. C. Allison, D. C., "When Straight Means Curves."  
 The program will be broadcast at 8:00 p. m. on a wave length of 508.2.

**STRAYED**

One dark brown mare mule, about 16 1-2 hands high, weight about 1000 lbs., has slight blemish on left fore foot and is about 11 years old. Also one dark brown horse mule, about 15 1-2 hands high, 10 yrs. old, 1000 pounds, has no brand. Both mules will show collar marks and have very white noses and will be together if they haven't been separated. Strayed from Sneed ranch 16 miles north of Post. Will pay liberal reward for recovery of same. Notify W. H. Hogan, Post, Texas. 1tp

Farm to Rent—On one-third and one-fourth, 150 acres in cultivation. See or write H. L. Pullen, Rt. 1, Spur, Texas. 1tp

For Sale—Choice eggs from pen No. 1, Buff Orphingtons; \$1.00 per setting.—H. L. Pullen, Rt. 1, Spur, Sp

Bred to Lay, High Powered Rhode Island Red eggs for sale, \$1.50 per setting. Special price on incubator settings.—Mrs. W. M. Hunter, Spur, Texas 2tp

Lost—White Gold Wrist Watch and band in Spur Saturday. Finder return to Lula Alice Robinson, Rt. A Spur, Texas. 2tp

I need some money and have good mules to sell worth the money.—M. Hargrove.

Dennis Harkey came over Saturday from Dickens, spending the afternoon here transacting business and also meeting with his numerous friends and acquaintances of town and country.

R. E. Slough, of near Dickens, was trading in Spur Saturday.

A. Fry, of the Cat Fish section of country, was in Spur the first of this week. Mr. Fry has been in poor health, but we are glad to note that he is now beginning to 'look young again.' He states that everything is in fine shape out his way, and all expecting bumper crops and good prices this fall.

Albert Power, of Afton, was in Spur during the week trading and transacting other business affairs. He reports the Afton country in the finest shape for the beginning of another crop year. The fact is that all of West Texas has an ideal bottom season, and even this early every indication is that big crops of all kinds will again be produced.

Miss Laverne Bureson, of Lueders spent Wednesday evening of this week with friends in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Powtill, of Dry Lake, were among the many shoppers and business visitors in Spur the past week.

Seals Earnest, of near Spur, was reeting friends here during the week. He reports everything all o. k. at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Patton, of Lubbock, spent Sunday in Spur the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan at their home in the city.

An eight and one-half pounds girl baby was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tyler at their home in the city.

L. L. Arnold, of Duck Creek, was in Spur Saturday of the past week, trading and on other business, reporting everything in fine shape in his part of the country.

W. F. Cathey, of near Dickens, was among the crowds on the streets Saturday.

G. A. Sloan, of Dry Lake, was greting his friends here Saturday of last week.

J. L. Hutto, of Dry Lake, was on the streets Tuesday.

T. S. Lambert, who is now conducting a filling station and grocery business at old Draper, was among the business visitors in Spur during the past week. Mr. Lambert stated that business has been good up to this date with prospects of continuation. The trend of mercantile sales throughout the year has held up remarkably well under the conditions. In fact, in many instances, sales this same period the past year, regardless of conditions, is reported better than the former year which was considered one of the best we have had.

Joe Ericson, of the West Pasture, was in town during the week meeting with his friends.

Roy Harkey made a business trip the past week to Amarillo after new cars with which to supply Hudson and Essex purchasers.

C. C. Cornelius was here this week from his far mand ranch over in Kent county.

Bill Cherry came in Monday and spent a short time here. He has finished gathering crops and is well along in preparing land for planting again this year. However, Bill Cherry always has a few cows and calves on the side from which to draw an income in connection with cotton production.

W. F. Foreman, of Espuela, was on the streets Wednesday of this week.

J. L. Karr, of Espuela, was here the first of the week.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our deep gratitude to the many kind friends, both individually and as organizations, for their expressions of sympathy, flowers and kindly deeds during our great bereavement. May God richly bless you is our prayer.—Mrs. F. N. Oliver and Family.

Max Maples and wife are here this week, having come up the past week from Abilene where they had been with T. Maples through an operation. Max is employed with one of the big oil concerns in the Borger field, to which place he will return at an early date to resume his duties.

M. E. Tree, of the Highway community, was on the streets Wednesday of this week, meeting with his friends. Heretofore, Tree has had the sale of cotton as an excuse for his daily visits to town. Now, since cotton is about all in, we presume that other business excuses may be forthcoming.

Jim Hahn was in town Tuesday of this week for a short time, meeting his friends and looking after other affairs. We inferred from his conversation that either he or his wife intended to make the poultry business a specialty this year on their home place. We don't know just how long it may be before "over-production" will be an excuse for a drop in the price of chickens and egg—but we know it is coming.

Charlie Thomason, of Roaring Springs, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week, stating that crops were about all gathered and notwithstanding the low prevailing prices, everybody apparently was in good circumstances and spirits.

W. M. Randall, of Steel Hill was on the streets the latter part of the past week, meeting with his friends and transacting business affairs. Mr. Randall reports everything moving along nicely at this the beginning of another crop year

Howard Campbell, was in Spur the past week informing us that he had moved to Dickens to which place he requested the Texas Spur hereafter be mailed to him.

**STATEMENT OF CITY OF SPUR.**

Statement of receipts and disbursements for Waterworks and Streets for the years 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926:

WATERWORKS	
Receipts	Disbursements
1922, \$7,319.92	\$ 7,057.71
1923, 9,113.71	9,503.52
1924, 8,900.05	9,068.29
1925, 14,169.56	13,051.10
1926, 12,309.10	13,239.52
\$51,812.34	\$51,920.14

**STREETS**

1922, \$1,616.97	\$2,664.90
1923, 3548.96	2,944.85
1924, 2,707.27	3,226.39
1925, 3,111.65	1,990.58
1926, 4,583.36	3,057.58
\$15,568.11	\$13,884.33

Salaries now paid city officers and employees:

Mayor, Commissioners, Treasurer and Health Officer, each, \$5.00 per mo.	Secretary, \$40.00 per mo.	Marshall, \$75.00 per mo.	Water Supt., \$185.00 per mo.
Assessor and Collector, 5 per cent on amount of taxes collected for assessing and collecting.	Ordered published by City Commission.		

E. J. COWAN, City Secretary.

Judge Worswick came over Wednesday from the county capitol, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. The Judge is now serving his thirty sixth consecutive year as an official of Dickens county. In fact he was doing official work for Dickens county while located at a Matador Camp over in Motley county at the time Dickens was organized. There is possibly not another man who has contributed as much in public service as has Judge Worswick.

Tom Cross was among the business visitors in Spur Saturday, coming from his farm and ranch over in Kent county.

**PROFESSIONAL NOTICES**

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**SPUR CHAPTER, No. 340**  
 Meets Monday night on or after each full moon.  
 Visitors Welcome  
 L. E. Lee, H. P.—Jack Rector, Sec.

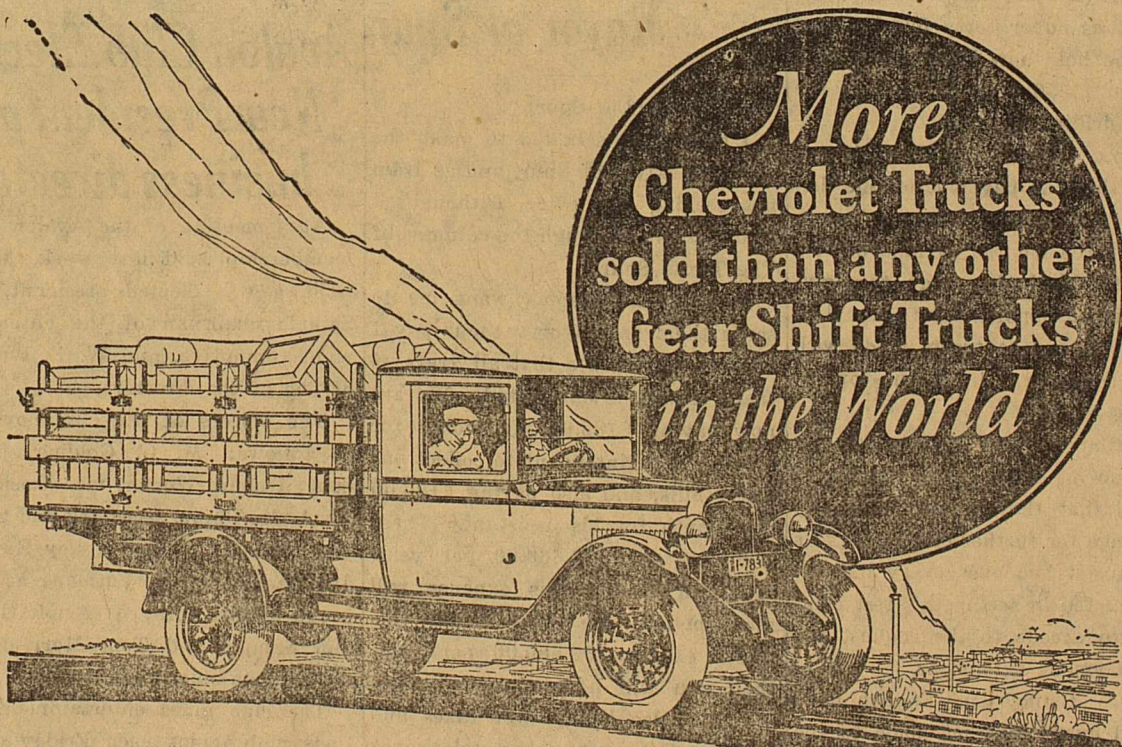
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Miss Bessie Hellums, of Stamford, is here this week the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace. Miss Hellums formerly taught a class in art and painting in Spur, and it is just possible that another class may be taught by her at this time.

Mrs. Birl Hight and Miss Reba Dott McGaughey and Tom Dilliard accompanied Joe T. Salem this week to Borger where Salems Guarantee is opening up a branch business in that oil town. They will remain with Mr. Salem until such time as he is in a position to secure help within the local territory. In he meantime, Miss Jennie Salem has charge of the Spur business.

W. F. Walker, of east of Spur, was meeting with his frinds on the streets Wednesday.



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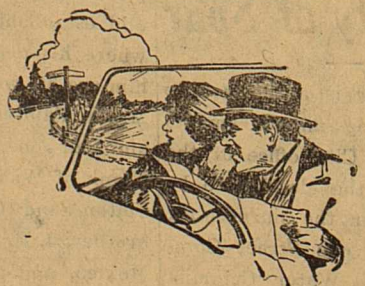
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- 1-Ton Truck Cab and Chassis \$610
- 1-Ton Truck Chassis \$495
- 1/2-Ton Truck Chassis \$395

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## ORCH. TO GIVE CONCERT

Program to be Given To Aid Lubbock Trip

The High School Orchestra will give a concert Tuesday evening, March 22, at the High School Auditorium. The program will be given before their departure for Lubbock to assist members to meet expenses of that trip. Admission will be charged but will be very low and will not turn any one away on this account.

The program will consist of solos, various ensembles of musical instruments and selections by the entire orchestra. New numbers have been learned and only the best of pieces played by the Orchestra on previous occasions will be used. Jane Douglas Wilson, Cleo Hazel, and Curtis Harkey will give solos on the piano, trombone and saxophone respectively; violin duet by Bertie Belle Brown and Jack Hogan; and six boys will present a saxophone sextette. Other numbers that have not as yet been worked out will also be given.

—The Rowel.

### MARRIED.

Miss Alice Deberry and Marvin Grizzle, two prominent young people of near Spur, were married Sunday of last week, driving over to Dickens, where the license were secured and the ceremony performed.

## SPUR FARM LANDS

IN DICKENS, KENT, GARZA AND CROSBY COUNTIES

FARMS—These properties, located in Dickens, Kent, Garza and Crosby Counties, offer an extensive variety of soil types and location. A large acreage from which to make selection, some of which has but recently been placed on the market. Reasonable prices and terms.

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## Social and Club News.

### Mrs. Starcher Entertained With a St. Patrick's Day Party

Mr. W. D. Starcher entertained the F. A. Club, and some guests of the Club, with a St. Patrick's party at the home of Mrs. Jas. B. Reed, Friday afternoon, March 11th. The house was beautifully decorated in green and white, and the St. Patrick idea was carried out in every detail. The 42 was the entertaining feature of the afternoon. The following ladies enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Starcher: Mesdames A. C. Hull, Clifford B. Jones, McGee, Chas. Whitener, M. E. Manning, M. C. Golding, L. R. Barrett, C. L. Love, Ned Hogan, G. R. Elkins, F. W. Jennings, O. D. Daniels, C. A. Love, J. E. Hall, W. T. Andrews, Jr., W. D. Wilson, W. S. Campbell, Dan Zachry, G. M. Williams, S. H. Twaddell, Jack Rector, P. C. Nichols, Nellie Davis, Lellie Cooper, J. E. Morris, E. L. Caraway, W. F. Godfrey, J. Boyd, Jr., James B. Reed, Geo. S. Link and Misses Allie Powell and Ila Bowman.

### ENTRE NOUS CLUB

A pretty hospitality of the past week was the club party in the home of Mrs. Clifford B. Jones at the Spur Inn on Thursday afternoon.

The tables were arranged in the spacious dining room where a number of games of progressive "42" held the guests' interest for an hour. A lovely refreshment plate was served cafeteria style.

Club members were Mesdames M. H. Brannen, E. C. Edmonds, W. S. Campbell, J. M. Foster, P. C. Nichols, W. D. Wilson, F. W. Jennings, and the guests were Mesdames R. C. Forbis, C. L. Love, W. C. Gruben, T. C. Ensey, Geo. S. Link, J. H. Busby, E. L. Caraway, E. J. Cowan, Nellie Davis, G. R. Elkins, W. F. Godfrey, V. C. Smart, Dan Zachry, Jack Rector, Murray Lea, M. E. Manning, Chas. Whitener, Sterman Lee, W. R. Lewis, Roy Stovall, Newman. W. C. Pressley, Geo. M. Williams, E. A. Russell, L. R. Barrett.

### JOI DE VOI CLUB

Mrs. Bill Putman was hostess to the Joi de Voi Club and guests on Tuesday afternoon, March 8.

The spirit of St. Patrick too was not overlooked in any detail, even in the attractive little hats and aprons which added much to the occasion.

A refreshment plate consisting of a delicious green ice and a chicken salad was served to Mesdames Jas. O. Smith, Jim Edd Hall, Dan Zachry, Floyd Barnett, W. L. Gibbs, Glen Pass, Austin Putman, Roy Harkey, Murray Lea, Cecil Fox, W. E. Flint, Carl Wester, Jack Rector, Homer Scrimphor, Thurman Harris, Chas. Paney, C. B. Jones, and A. C. Hull.

### Mrs. Andrews Entertained F. A. Club

The F. A. Club met with Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Jr., and Mrs. O. D. Daniels at the home of Mrs. Andrews, Friday evening, March 11th. After many interesting games of 42, a delicious salad course and ice course in St. Patrick Colors, was served to the following ladies: Mesdames L. R. Barrett, E. L. Caraway, Nellie Davis, G. R. Elkins, R. C. Forbis, H. P. Gipson, C. Hogan, Lawis Lee, C. L. Love, Geo. S. Link, M. E. Manning, J. E. Morris, James B. Reed, W. D. Starcher, Chas. Whitener, T. A. Johnston, W. D. Wilson, F. W. Jennings, E. C. Edmonds, Gibbs, Welton Grimes, W. F. Godfrey, J. H. Busby, McGee and Thurman Harris.—Reporter.

H. P. Edwards, of McAdoo, was in Spur Wednesday of this week on business, and while here called in at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything progressing very satisfactorily at McAdoo at this particular time.

### Given as Benefit at The Lyric Theatre

The Junior Play "Arabian Nights" which was presented at the school auditorium March 4, will also be given at the Lyric Theatre. The date is set for Thursday, March 31st. The play was declared to be a great success, and due to this and Mr. Everts desire to cooperate with the school, it was decided to give the play again. Many of the people who were not able to see the play its first appearance will be able to do so.

Many of the people who attended other engagements on the night of the plays first presentation will be able to see the "Arabian Nights." Miss Dabney and Mr. Thomas announced that rehearsals will start again Monday, March 28th. This is the same week in which the play will be given, but it will give the players sufficient time to bring out the characterization. Practice will be held in the High School Auditorium.

The play will be given in connection with the Lyric Theatre. The program for the night will be divided between the motion picture and the play, "Arabian Nights," starting at 8 o'clock and the concluding show immediately following. Half of the money taken in at the theatre will be given to the Juniors after the expenses of the theatre's operations is deducted. Tickets have been printed and may be bought from either students or at the box office, admission being 50c and 25c. Mr. Everts will see that all space available to his theatre will be covered with advertisements and the school students are expected to do their part in each helping to make the play a success.

The picture to be given in connection with the play is "As No Man Has Loved." Concerning the story of this production, it may be said that it follows the story of Hale's "Man Without A Country" very closely, the latter title being used on the picture's first appearance. This picture is billed by the theatre distributors to be a special and there will be no fear as to the merit of the regular feature.

The High School Orchestra, for which the play is to be given, will supplement the program with special music. It has not definitely been decided what will be done with the money made from this play, but it is probable that it will be used to buy a bass violin for the orchestra. The Orchestra is practicing many new selections which will be played on that night.

—The Rowel.

### LUBBOCK SCOUTS VISIT SPUR

PROGRAM IS GIVEN IN HONOR AT METHODIST CHURCH

Scoutmaster Clapp was here Friday with three of his scouts who put on a scouting program at the Methodist Church for the Spur Scouts. He also had with him a chief scout executive of the South Plains Council of which Spur is a member. One of the scouts that he had with him was an eagle scout (which is the highest rank that can be obtained by a scout, and the other two were first and second class scouts.

The program consisted of knot-tying, signaling (semaphore and wig-wag) fire building by flint and steel and by friction, and training in first aid.

Games were played afterwards and sandwiches, cakes, and cocoa were served. Then the suits were distributed to all who had ordered them by the scouts from Lubbock.

—The Rowel.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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MARCH 19TH, 1927

J. P. WILKES & SON  
(OLD STAND) SPUR, TEX.

Howard Campbell was in Spur Saturday of the past week, informing us that he had moved and hereafter mail him the Texas Spur to Dickens instead of Spur. Howard Campbell, with T. A. Randleman, were among the very first farmers to come and settle here following the opening of Spur Farm Lands to settlement. They were down in the San Antonio country, and hearing of this country being opened to settlement, loaded their effects on the train and came without further investigation. They are both remaining here and very probably permanently settled here.

W. H. Young, of Red Hill, dropped in one day the past week and left another dollar and a half with us in renewing his subscription. W. H. Young was one of the "charter subscribers" to the Texas Spur in 1909 when we first established the paper, being a continuous reader of the paper since that time. We appreciate these "charter readers" and some day we are going to arrange for a big "reunion" and feasting, and wining and dining if such could be arranged in these Volstead days.

W. A. Valentine, of Kent or Garza county, was among the many business visitors in Spur Saturday of the past week.

White Moore, of west of Spur, dropped in to see us a few minutes while in town the other day. He had just wound up his cotton business, and was so disgusted that he had determined hereafter to let the other fellow carry on the cotton producing business without his further aid and competition in that line of endeavor. There are many farmers of the country who may never again plant cotton, and we don't know but that it will have a good effect on the country as well as profit those who depend upon other crops for resources.

J. W. Garrett, of the Draper section of country, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week, spending an hour or two here ginning cotton and marketing the staple on the Spur market at the prevailing prices of around ten cents a pound. This is Mr. Garrett's second year here, having come out to this section from Eastland county where much of the lands are being given to oil production rather than that of farm produce. Mr. Garrett made bumper crops but realized but little cash profits from his labor. However, we are hoping the present year will prove different, and that good prices as well as bumper production will be experienced.

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ORAN McCLURE, Publisher

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M. S. Faver and Mrs. Gilpin, of east of Afton, were shopping here and visiting in Spur Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Gilpin was one of the very first to establish a business in Spur, conducting a grocery business across the railway track in a temporary building before the opening of the town in 1909. For a number of years Mrs. Gilpin remained a resident of Spur, and still owns some valuable residence property here at this time.

T. H. Tallent, of the Gilpin section of country, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week. He reports everything moving along nicely in that part of the world at this time.

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The regular quarterly dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$2.25) per share will be paid on April 15, 1927, to stockholders of record at the close of business on March 15, 1927.

H. BLAIR SMITH, Treasurer

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"OCCASIONALLY I am troubled with spells of constipation and inactive liver," says Mrs. John L. Pence, Broadway, Va. "I always use Theford's Black-Draught when I feel a spell of this kind coming on, for it saves me a bad headache. My color gets sallow at times. I get real yellow, showing that the trouble comes from the liver. "I have found Black-Draught to be the finest kind of a remedy for this. I take Black-Draught and make a tea out of it, and take it, along in small doses for several days. I have never found anything that served me so well. "Since I have known about Black-Draught, I have not suffered nearly so much with headache, caused from indigestion. If I find my tongue is coated, and I wake up with a bad taste in my mouth, I know I have been eating indigestion, and I immediately resort to Black-Draught to straighten me out."



Running Newspapers

Several of our contemporary newspaper editors have been recently remarking about the difference between various professions, and come to think about it, they are quite right.

For instance, a lawyer will charge a client \$5.00 for ten minutes consultation, and the same fellow will kick like the devil if he has to pay the newspaper \$2.50 for advertising the thing the lawyer him the "v" spot in advising him to do.

A doctor will charge \$1.00 for a prescription that took him about 3 minutes to write and the patient will thank him generously and ask him to have a cigar; but if, in spite of the prescription the fellow finally dies, his family kicks like the duce if the editor charges 50 cents for a card of thanks in the newspaper conveying their "appreciation" its subscribers, 95 per cent of whom haven't done anything for the deceased, don't know him, if they do don't care if he is dead, and some of them may actually be glad he has checked out.

The undertaker will charge \$100 for the plainest kipp of a burial outfit, and in addition receives numerous smiles and complements for the "charming manner" in which he conducts the funeral, while if the newspaper editor gets the news story or obituary somewhat confused, he is balled out clear from "Dan to Berr-sheba, and if he charges five cents straight for three or four newspapers containing the story, he is a contemptible, stingy cuss that ought to be horsewhipped for having no pity on folks in the time of their bereavement and ought to be run out of town, and, occasionally, some one tries to do it.

When folks go to get married the county clerk gets a substantial fee provided by law for writing out the license; the minister pulls down from \$5.00 upwards. If the merchant who sells the wedding outfit to the bride and groom happens to know about the contemptible alliance, he gets a little better price for his goods, because for this particular occasion they are generally eager to pay it. But the newspaper editor may walk a mile and waste two hours trying to get the details of the nuptial event, and then if he mis-describes the bride's gown or gets an initial wrong in his story, which otherwise would make strangers think the newspaper weds were intimate relation of the very elite of creation, then his soul in Rotterdam, Heilgolond, al infinitum.

We have actually known some folks to buy "gold bricks" and then apologize for not investing in them sooner; but the same folks did not subscribe to their home town paper. Verily, if the newspaper editor finally gets to heaven, it will be because all he did was w-right-e.—Ex-

Fred Arrington and Jack Littlejohn of the Dickens High School were transacting business and trading with the merchants Tuesday evening.

Babe Curry, of Abilene, is here this week visiting his brother, Joe Curry, and other relatives and former friends here. Babe Curry formerly lived here for years, and is one of the old timers of the Spur country. However, the oil booms, and invitation for easy money and lucrative returns for labor encouraged settlement in the Abilene country, and here is hoping that those going from here will realize the fullest returns.

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, was in Spur Saturday, and in meeting us on the street, insisted upon giving us a check for five silver plunks to extend his subscription up a few years. There is nothing that encourages and pleases a newspaper man more than the voluntary payment of subscriptions, and when favored thus it is doubly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lambert, of the Pitchfork Ranch, were among the business visitors in Spur the past week.

Keep Up With Your Town

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company added 15 stations to their central office in Spur last year, 1926.

On January 1, 1926 there were 295 telephones here while on January 1, 1927, 310 telephones were in service. The total gain by the Bell System for Texas was 27,000 in 1926.

This increase of telephones is a sure barometer of a city's growth, and indicates an active business development, said District Manager Pinson. He also states that the provisional budget for the company's expenditures in Texas during the year 1927 provides for more than 7,000 miles of new long distance cable, and 174,000 miles of wire in central office areas. Approximately \$5,000,000 will be spent in this expansion. Every Bell Company in the state will derive benefits and improvements from this expansion program.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

GIVING UP WORK

FATHER used to do a good deal of planning as to how he would occupy his time when he gave up work. He had been hard at it ever since he was nine. I still have the Davy lamp which he took with him into the Northumberland colliery at that early age to protect him from the explosions of fire damp which were so common in those days. Having worked hard all his life, he looked forward with pleasant anticipations to the time when he could leave the farm and live comfortably upon the stender income which would accrue from his savings. He would smoke his pipe and read his book and take his ease.

He had even picked out the little house in which he was going to live when he moved to town—low, snug, comfortable rooms. Well, he never gave up work. He died before he was as old as I am. He never got into the little house, though it is still inviting some one to enjoy its quiet comfort. He never had the leisure to sit uninterrupted with his pipe and book. He worked until the last—happy, however, in the prospect of the leisure which was to come to him through his work. Maybe, having worked so long, he would not have enjoyed giving up work as much as he fondly imagined he would have done.

Gray is only thirty-four. He is carrying heavy responsibilities; he is drawing a large salary. He told me the other day that in ten years he is going to give up work and devote himself to things which he really enjoys doing. He can quite well afford to do so, as far as his income is concerned, but I'm wondering if he will be happy.

He likes reading, but one reads generally as a means of relaxation between hours of work. One gets a good deal of enjoyment from realizing that the time at our disposal is short and that we must make the most of the leisure hour. He likes to travel, but one of the chief joys of traveling is the anticipation of getting back to the old routine, of taking up the regular job, after the weeks of relaxation are ended. There would not be half so much pleasure in traveling if one could not feel that, after the journey was ended, there was the job waiting at the end of the road. It is all right to plan to give up work, to get all the pleasure we can in anticipation of the leisure that will probably never come. After all, the happiest people I have ever known are not those who have given up work but those who have died with the harness on.

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NOTHING WITH STARCH



Customer—No, no—no stiff shirts.  
Clerk—Don't like stiff shirts?  
Customer—It isn't that. My doctor says I musn't let anything with starch in it touch my stomach.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR TEAM

Of Team at Present Outfielder Main Need

Haziness of prospects hover over the baseball situation on the athletic field. Last year's failure to perfect a team would indicate that the Bull Dogs would be none too strong this season. However, Coach Woods, has uncovered two pitchers and is rounding a very formidable team into condition.

The pitching staff was the main cause of the team's previous failure. This year only two have been used to any extent as pitchers, Mac Watson and Harold Karr. Mac Watson (the one who pitched some last year) but who on account of a throat ailment has not been able to report steadily yet. Harold Karr, the other member, has good control and a moderately fast ball. He was used to pitch the first practice game last Monday. The staff is seriously in need of one more man and would be helped by his addition.

Richard Gibson is the only contestant for catcher. Although he has had little, if any, experience in receiving, he is showing up well, especially as a slugger, having by his enormous strength, already broken two bats in practice. He is new to the tricks of receivers, but is expected to soon master all minor difficulties of his position.

The infield appears at present to be the most promising. Hub Hyatt at first base, Cecil McClung, at short-stop and Bill Davis at third will rank as two of the hardest hitters on the team and Cecil McClung is one of the surest. The one weak corner at present is second base. However, Harold Karr and Mac Watson can be thrown in when not pitching and will serve to brace the infield, and Odie Holley will soon be able to report again after having a sprained ankle. Crate Snider, Brittain Forbis, Wallace Bingham, John A. Davis and Huley Horn will be used as utility men.

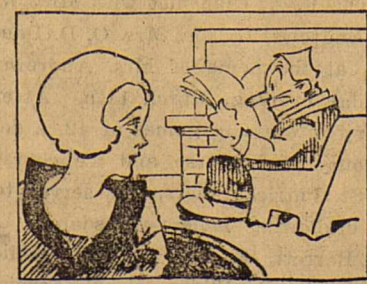
Little material has been available for the outfield. No men that have played on the team before will be represented. Bodie and Justice look promising but have not played much baseball. Other outfielders are Carlton Gaines, Ray Karr, Sam Clemmons. A call is still issued for ones who wish to try out for the outfield.

QUACK—QUACK!



First Duck—There's no use of you trying to become a doctor.  
Second Duck—Why not?  
First Duck—You'd only be a quack!

NEWLY WEDS



"I wish we had been married years ago."  
"Me, too—we would have been divorced by this time."

HOW COULD SHE SAY IT



She—He's a hard case.  
He—Thought he was soft on you?

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Men's Dress Pants . . . . . \$2.75

Many Other Specials  
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**SALEM'S**

C. M. Buchanan, of north of the city of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

TENNIS TRYOUTS THIS WEEK

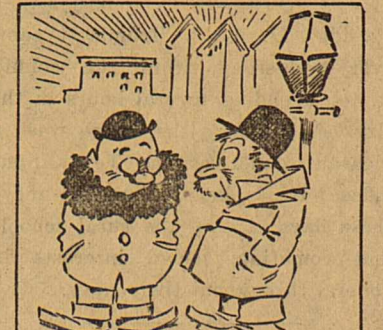
Spur to Meet Dickens For Championship

Spur is to meet Dickens Friday in a tennis tournament to decide the county winners, unless further arrangements are made. As the Interscholastic Meet would conflict with tennis games, if held on the same day, it has been decided to hold the tennis try-outs a week before the meet.

There will be some difficulty in eliminating candidates in this school. There is to be a single contestant and double contestant to go from here. Supt. Watson has decided to start eliminating candidates Wednesday afternoon by playing one set for each elimination. All those wishing to enter should come out and let Mr. Watson list his name among the contestants.

The try-outs will be very interesting and several spectators will no doubt witness the games. Some good players are expected to go from here, and we expect to see Dickens go down.

NOTHING BUT SPACE



Friend—What is your son taking up in college this year?  
Dad (disgustedly)—Space, nothing but space!

ELECTRICAL DIALOGUE



Bert—I'm a live wire.  
Bess—I'm shocked.

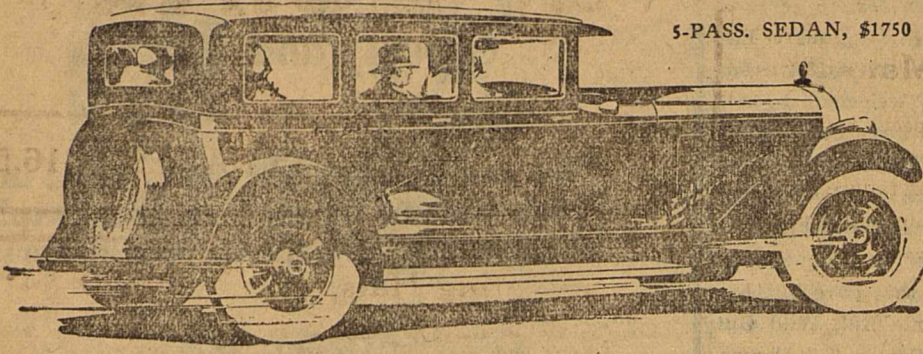
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A girl baby was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spivey at their home in the city.

We understand that Uncle Tom Harrison is now employed with Shorty Reynolds in the filling station and general mercantile business on the Highway near Blanco Canyon.

Judge Chas. McLaughlin, of near McAdoo, was among the number in Spur the first of the week marketing cotton. We understand that the Judge on occasions engages in the buying as well as the production of the staple—but which of the two are most profitable to him is not stated.

G. A. Willis, of the Anelope community, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. He reports everything in good shape in that part of the country.

J. Carlisle, of Duck Creek, was on our streets first of the week, greeting his friends.

**Mrs. Fannie Sullivan Was First Borger Business Woman**

**BUILT MIDWAY HOTEL IN FIVE DAYS AND MOVED VIA TRUCK TO BORGER MARCH 23RD.**

**TAUGHT FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THERE**

Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, mother of two boys and a girl, is Borger's "oldest inhabitant" in point of days spent here, not to mention the fact that she is really and truly the woman pioneer of this big town. On March 18 of last year she came up from Spur, decided this would be a good place for she and her little brood to make their home, bought a lot and put carpenters to work.

Then she went back to Spur to load her worldly belongings on a truck and move to the new land. On March 23 the trucks with her household belongings arrived in Borger and that evening the Midway Hotel was opened. She ran the place for a time and saw the town grow from a collection of shacks to a thriving modern city. Then she sold the Midway, but the business call was too strong. In a short time she established the Spur Hotel, the place she now owns and operates.

The first Sunday School lesson ever taught in Borger was taught by Mrs. Sullivan in the old American theatre building. It was attended largely by the little city folks but as time went on the class grew and when finally a house of worship was erected here it was needed, for the Sunday School class of little folks had grown to embrace some of the older people.

Mrs. Sullivan holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce and is actively in charitable and religious work. "My two boys are here," she

said, "and I'm interested in anything that will make Borger a better place in which to live. I know it can't all be done in a day, but we can all keep working to attain our ideals."

And that is the story in brief of Borger's pioneer business woman who, undaunted by facing the world with a brood to care for, saw opportunity and seized it.—Borger Daily News.

I need some money and have good mules to sell worth the money.—M. Hargrove.

**Spur Orchestra and Music Pupils Enter Contest at Lubbock**

Lubbock, Texas.—The South Plains music lovers will be gathered here again next week for the fourth annual Music Festival and contest sponsored by the South Plains Music Teachers Association. From practically every South Plains town there will come not only music lovers to hear the programs but teachers with their pupils entered in the various music contests.

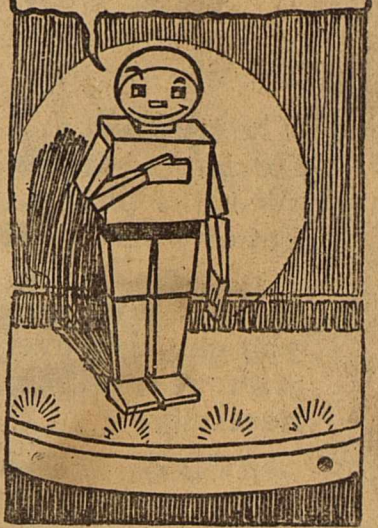
The festival this year will be a gala affair. In addition to the contests which will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Artist Margaret Matzenauer will appear Thursday night, March 24, the Little Symphony Orchestra, Canyon will appear Friday night, March 25, and the Contest Winners will render a program Saturday night, March 26. A play, "The Musical Lay of Life on the Plains" will be presented Saturday night, March 19th, one week earlier than the regular program.

Over 450 pupils have entered the contests. All the contests and the evening programs will be held at the Texas Technological College Pavilion. Several music memory teams, Sunday school choirs and orchestras will be entered in the contests.

Mr. Cleo Hazel and Miss Annie Laurie Lewis, pupils of Miss Lena Bell Scudder of Spur, have entered the contest. In addition to these two young ladies, the Spur orchestra has entered and will compete with orchestras at Lubbock, Slaton and other South Plains cities in the contest for the best orchestra.

WANTED—To trade a Chrysler Sedan as payment on residence property in Spur.—J. Boyd, Jr. 2tp

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**THE CITY NATIONAL BANK**

W. A. Craddock, of southwest of Spur, was among the business visitors on the streets the past week. Mr. Craddock recently was appointed by Governor Moody as one of the convict farm agents or inspectors, and is now shaping up his farming business to go to Austin and assume his official duties.

Luther Stark, of Afton, was here Saturday trading and on other business.

A boy baby was born Thursday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. Thomason at their home on the Putman ranch west of Spur.

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**JOE M. GAINES, Mgr.**

**ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL**

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

**THE NERVOUS WOMAN**

WOMEN are said to be more highly organized than men and so to have more sensitive nerves. I think it is true, but knowing that it is true, I think many of them have more completely learned nervous control than men have done.

We were taking a ride through the Jara mountains a few years ago. Nancy and I. The road was winding and the grade steep. Sometimes the hairpin turn was so sharp that the man at the wheel was forced to stop and back the car in order to get around the turn. It looked dangerous.

There were two American women in with us, nervous, talkative, restless women. I was sure that if anything unusual happened they would go up in the air, as it were. We were rounding a turn when for a moment the driver of the automobile lost control of the machine, which began to back toward the precipice. It gave me a start. I expected the two women to shriek, but I was disappointed. They did not utter a sound. They simply opened the door of the car nearest them and stepped out as quietly as if they were expecting to alight at that point, and when the driver got control of the machine, they stepped in again without comment.

We were driving down the Big Thompson canyon three or four years ago in a twelve passenger motor car. At one of the most dangerous points of the road, with the bottom of the canyon yawning hundreds of feet below us, the steering gear of the machine broke and the car crashed into the rocks on the inside of the road. There wasn't a woman in the car who uttered a sound or who gave any directions to the driver.

I was just learning to drive the car and knew only the mere theories of how to start and stop the thing. Nancy was along with me. The road I had chosen was not level and we were going down a rather decided incline. I became confused, as has often been the case in such instances, and stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake. The machine got away from me for a moment and went tearing along at fifty miles an hour or so. I dodged under a guy wire of a telephone pole. I just missed an oak tree three feet in diameter. I skirted the edge of a drainage ditch and finally turned into the level road.

"I think you did it very well," Nancy remarked as we settled down to a normal speed. It was the first word she had uttered.

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**ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL**

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

**THE AMENITIES OF LIFE**

IT is the little things which really count and make for happiness or for discontent and misery.

I had picked up a cold somewhere last week, and was running a fever. Nancy persuaded me to stay at home. The report was circulated at once that I was at home ill.

The superintendent of the hospital called up to ask how I was.

"You tell him," she said to Nancy, "that if he is going to be sick he'd better come out here. We can't afford to have him knocked out, and we can take better care of him than you can." It wasn't that she was looking for patients; she was just thoughtful and kind-hearted. Before noon one of our local doctors dropped in—not to drum up business, but just to make me a friendly call and to see that I was acting as a sick man should, and before night a second doctor had come in. Neither one gave me any medicine. It was just a courtesy they were showing me, and it warmed my heart and helped my cold.

We had a dozen young fellows to dinner at Easter time—fellows who were far away from home and who could not afford either the time or the money to go away for the vacation. They enjoyed themselves, I am sure, for they said so quite wholeheartedly, but only one of them has ever called since, and he was a Chinese boy. He drops in every two or three weeks for a few minutes; he never stays too long; he reveals by his manner his gracious appreciation of the courtesy that was shown him. He values the little amenities of life.

An old lady was calling on us also the last time he appeared at the house. Her eyes are pretty dim, her hearing is not so acute as it once was, and she gets about a little uncertainly. He noticed all of these things and devoted himself quite without self-consciousness to her comfort. He fixed a pillow behind her back, he got her tea for her, he placed a little stool under her feet, and then he told her of his grandmother on the other side of the world and how much he would like to see her. The old lady went away happy; some one had regard for the little amenities of life.

It is the kindly word, the polite recognition of attention, the thoughtful courtesy that is not required by convention or regulation that means most to us.

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**THE LAST FRONTIER.**

The loneliest spot in the world is Gap Trading Post, 170 miles from the nearest railroad station and 145 miles from the nearest telephone. There gasoline sells for 85 cents a gallon and oil for \$1.20 a quart. Because Gap Trading was so far from civilization, it was selected by the Metropolitan Pictures Corporation as the scene for filming "The Last Frontier," a screen version of the novel by Courtney Ryley Cooper.

"The Last Frontier" is an epic story of the great west that gave birth to such men as Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill Hickock, General Custer, Kit Carson and Pawnee Killer.

To give the picture the realism it demanded, the Metropolitan Pictures Corporation secured the government permission to employ a whole tribe of Navajos for several scenes. In addition a unit of the company, traversed the desert to the buffalo reserves where thrilling scenes were taken with the largest herd of free buffaloes left in America.

William Boyd as Tom Kirby, Marguerite De La Moate as Beth, Jack Hoxie as Buffalo Bill and J. Farrell MacDonald as Wild Bill, play the leading roles in the film. Gladys Brockwell, Frank Lacktees and Junior Coghlan appear in supporting roles.

**DAMAGED GOODS.**

When Eugene Brieux's story, "Damaged Goods," first made its appearance two continents were stirred. Nothing so daring—so boldly plain spoken—regarding the social evil had ever been printed. When later it was dramatized and offered as a speaking stage production, the dramatic critics were at first inclined to be shocked. They felt that such subjects should be spoken of in whispers.

Today in his reckless age of jazz this smashing denunciation should do more than all tons of printed matter, speeches and committees. Because it is authentic in every detail, because it is masterfully handled by writer, director and company and because it was made as an entertainment—not only one of the greatest stage successes ever produced—but the picture that is real—that Lives!

Though "Damaged Goods" rips the glamour and glitter from many follies of the day, exposes the social evil in all its wickedness, it is dignified, scientific and a necessary—if terrible—warning. Nothing offensive, risqué or undignified about it. A subject that will live forever in the minds of every man and woman that sees it.

**THE PLASTIC AGE.**

Stop, look and listen what we have at the Lyric, none other than the "Plastic Age" the picture that we all have been waiting to see. A college story without a single professor or classroom, a picture dealing with the experiences and the temptations that mold boys into men at the Plastic age of youth. A football game as the climax in which the hero proves himself and the story of a girl that likes to have wild times but gives them all up for the boy she loves.

That is the picture Paramount calls one of its greatest true productions of the year.

Clara Bow, whose flapping in such photoplay hits as "Black Oxen" and "Kiss Me Again" has won her a shining place in the cinema constellation of stars, is starred in "The Plastic Age." The cast includes other favorites, among them Donald Keith, Henry Walthall, and Mary Allen.

Jim Smith, of Dry Lake, was here one day the first of the week, meeting with his friends and also dealing with the merchants and produce men of the city. Jim is another one of the farmers who realize that successful farming consists of being able to sell something at all times as well as to buy.

J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, was in the city Monday for a short time, transacting business and meeting with his many friends.

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PHONE 279, SPUR, TEXAS

W. J. Elliot was in Spur Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch to the southwest of Spur.

Jake Rains was on the streets of Spur one day the past week, meeting with his old time friends. Jake Rains was one of the very first cowboys and ranch hands out here following the establishment of cow ranches, and even when the ranges were open.

J. B. Morrison was in the city last Wednesday from his farm and ranch to the southwest of Spur several miles. Bud informed us that he had finished gathering his crops, having ginned and marketed about two hundred bales of cotton. Bud formerly gave his time and acreage to the cattle business, but of late years he has cleared up his ranch lands for farming operations. A few more years and even the "hillsides" will be cleaned up for cultivation in West Texas, provided prices will be held within legitimate bounds of agricultural resources.

W. H. Crouse, of Stephenville, was in Spur several days the past week. He informed us that he did not contemplate the construction of a brick business house in Spur right at this time, as was stated in last week's paper. However, he stated that he would be prepared to build at any time there developed a demand for more brick business houses in the city.

Robert Reynolds was here Saturday from Dickens.

Newt Kidd, of Dry Lake, was in town the past week, transacting business and meeting with friends. He reports the world looking level at this the beginning of another crop year.

Ben McWaters, of Oklahoma, spent several days this week in Spur with his father, J. D. McWaters.

During the past year Ben went busting farming in Oklahoma, he now being en route to Big Springs where he will be employed in the railway machine shops. When men are forced to quit farming and go to wage working, there is something fundamentally wrong with the productive back bone of the country.

Marvin English, of Brownsfield, is here this week visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. English of near Spur. During the past two or three years Marvin English has held a responsible position with a Brownsfield corporation. He will return during the week to Brownsfield and resume his duties.

Mr. Waddell, of Steel Hill, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday.

I need some money and have good mules to sell worth the money.—M. Hargrove.

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**TO THE COTTON GROWERS OF SPUR**

I am a little late in telling you, but have thoroughly overhauled the plant from one end to the other, new saws and new ribs which is the most essential part of a gin.

A trial will prove to you that this gin will do as good work as when new. Have my unloader in good shape, will unload you any time through the night. Thanking all of you for past patronage, I hope to merit the same in the future.

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By J. W. BAKER





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**County Interscholastic League Meet**

Notice is hereby given that the County Interscholastic Meet for Dickens County will be held on April 1st and 2nd. The Literary Events will be held in Spur on April 1st, at the High School Building; the Athletic Events will be held in Dickens on the 2nd day of April. All teachers are urged to take the necessary steps to qualify their schools to participate. The meet will open each day at ten o'clock.

H. A. C. BRUMMETT,  
Director General.

**Cemetery Association Have All-day Dinner**

The Cemetery Association will have a Basket Dinner at the Cemetery Tuesday, March 22nd, and an all day working. Everybody come and bring their tools.

W. L. McAteer was on the streets Saturday with the crowds here that day.

Jeff James, of Dickens, was one among the recent business visitors to Spur.

R. J. Hairgrove, of near Spur, was on the streets Saturday, meeting with his friends.

Ben Rutledge came in Saturday and spent the afternoon here with the crowds.

Will Rape, of Steel Hill, was here during the week, transacting business.

Billie Elliot was here Tuesday of this week, bringing in a load of wood for the market. In the years past wood was the chief fuel of the town and country. However, today other sections are depended upon to furnish us fuel.

**ELECTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Spur, at the Director's Room of the Spur National Bank, on April 5, 1927, being the first Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two commissioners to serve the ensuing two years.

C. H. Perry is hereby appointed presiding judge of said election, with authority to select necessary assistants.

J. L. KING, Mayor  
Attest:  
E. J. Cowan, City Secretary.  
Attest: 19-3t

**Now Enjoys Eating Thanks His Wife**

"For years I suffered with stomach trouble. Then, my wife got me to take Adlerika. Today I feel fine and eat what I like."—Wm. Opp.  
Adlerika relieves stomach gas and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on BOTH upper and lower bowel, it removes old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Let Adlerika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see how much better you will feel. It will surprise you! SPUR DRUG STORE.

J. W. Jennings, of south of Spur, was on the streets Tuesday of this week.

R. E. Fry was here Saturday of the past week, trading and also meeting with friends and acquaintances of the country.

**Self - Help Farmers' Only Recourse Now**

The McNary-Haugen bill has been vetoed by President Coolidge, and there probably will be no further effort toward agricultural legislation this session of Congress. By the time another session is due in all probability the need for such radical legislation will have passed.

So many have been in favor of some form of legislation to relieve the agricultural situation that Farm and Ranch has followed the policy of "hands off" even though it never has looked with favor upon the bill that was jockeyed through both Houses only to meet defeat at the hands of the President. Now that the McNary-Haugen bill has met its Waterloo, its sincere friends cannot take exceptions to what we have to say about it. Not that Farm and Ranch shies at criticism, but because thousands who favored the bill felt that some form of legislation was necessary, and many thousands of farmers and those interested in the success of the farmers had reached the conclusion that it would be impossible to frame a bill that would meet all the objections, and that the McNary-Haugen bill was better than nothing. Farm and Ranch did not want to stand in the way of their desire and try the experiment.

The McNary-Haugen bill never had enough real friends and believers to pass it through both Houses of Congress. It took a lot of trading of votes to secure a favorable vote. The big bankers of New York City have been trying for years to secure a law which would permit them to establish branch banks, thus more firmly fixing their control of the Federal Reserve system and the finances of this country. They never could muster enough votes until they approached our "farmer friends" in Congress and offered to trade twenty votes for five. These twenty votes were enough to pass the McNary-Haugen bill, but not enough to put it by the President.

The McNary-Haugen bill would have turned out to be a price fixing bill which, according to Secretary Mellon, would have cost the farmers of the country over \$800,000 per year to administer. Then, if we had over production, especially of cotton, farmers would have been taxed an equalization fee to permit the government, through its commission composed of \$10,000-per-year men, to sell the surplus to foreign consumers at less price than our own consumers could purchase it, or hold it until such time when it could be disposed of. The result of the McNary-Haugen bill would have been a guarantee of profits to about everybody concerned except the producers who would have been taxed to pay all expenses. Farm and Ranch, in face of the fact that many sincere men believed in the McNary-Haugen bill, always has considered it a "political slicker" bill, and is glad that the President vetoed it.

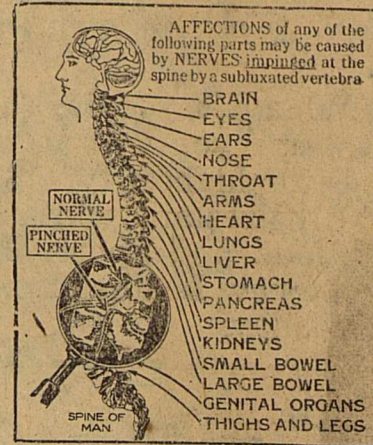
Undoubtedly the agricultural industry of this country needs some round in a circle. What the proffer of legislation, but not the kind that will take producers round and ducer nets is some form of legisla-

**YOU TOO CAN HAVE A SUCCESSFUL STOMACH**

**Friday Health Talk**

**LAVINA B. CONKLIN, Chiropractor**

The successful man needs a successful stomach. If you are tied double with pain you are no good for work and hardly an influence for happiness in the family circle. The man or woman with a successful stomach has a first lease on bodily health and comfort, the foundation of success and happiness. Drugs will never cure a weak stomach, diet is only a way of getting along with the weakness—it tempers the kind and quality of food to the degree of strength still left in the sagging digestive organ. The only health method that restores the condition of health and strength is the method of regular chiropractic vertebral adjustments.



**TEN YEARS TROUBLE IS OVER**

"For about ten years I suffered with stomach and intestinal trouble. Trying many different kinds of medicines prescribed by the best physicians, I gradually grew worse. I was informed that I could not live without an operation, and on account of my low vitality they did not know if I could survive the operation. I started taking Chiropractic adjustments, then

**Uncle Ben Says:**



"I'll take my chance, says the young man, and what he takes is a wife."

weighing 122 pounds. Now I weigh 151 1-2 pounds and can eat anything I desire I am entirely well, without the operation, and feel better than I have felt in ten years. I owe my health to Chiropractic."—H. M. Redditt, Chiropractic Research Bureau, Statement No. 2236—D.

**YOUR APPOINTMENT**

For Health can now be made by  
**Telephoning 228**

**The State of Texas**

To all persons interested in the Estate of Ralph McLaughlin Deceased: Charles McLaughlin, administrator of the Estate of said Ralph McLaughlin Deceased, has filed in the County Court of Dickens County his Final Account of the condition of said estate, together with an application to be discharged as administrator thereof, which will be heard by our said Court on the third Monday in April A. D. 1927, same being the 19th day of April A. D. 1927, at the Court House of said Dickens County in the Town of Dickens at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said Final Account and application, if they see proper.

Witness Robert Reynolds Clerk of the County Court of Dickens County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at my office in Dickens on this the 15th day of March A. D. 1927.

**ROBERT REYNOLDS**  
Clerk County Court, Dickens County, Texas 20-4t

W. A. Kimmel, of east of town, was here meeting with friends the first of the week.

tion that will make his dollar just as valuable as the manufacturers' dollar, and it is conceded that is not at this time. Farmers need legislation that will permit them to buy just as cheaply as they must sell. They need encouragement to establish a marketing system under their control for all farm commodities. Farmers need relief from much of the proposed legislation. They are capable of minding their own business. McNary-Haugen bill was merely a makeshift to meet an emergency—Farm and Ranch.

Miss Bessie Hellums, of Stamford, is now teaching a class in art here. Her studio is located in the Cowan Building on Main street. Miss Hellums is a graduate in painting from the Department of Art, Kid Kay College at Sherman.

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 Others as low as \$3.95**

When you see this range of oxfords for spring you will agree that the quality is the highest type \$5.50 ever bought. All sizes and widths. In Tan, Black, Blond and Sport; Rubber Heels, and the new Leather Heel. See window display.

**New Spring Patterns in Men's  
 Silk Hose  
 75c Value, only 50c**

Fancy Hose in specially worked out patterns of original designs and exclusive styles. You've never seen a Smart-er assortment.

**New Butterfly Bows, 60c, 90c, \$1  
 FOR MEN**

The wide end bat wing bow, which ties gracefully in a center knot, and gives a touch of difference to a man's attire. New Dots, Figures, and Stripes.

Ol Taylor, of the Duck Creek community, was here during the past week, spending a few hours here on business and conversing with his friends here. Ol is taking life easy these days, having finished up his crops and cashed in no inconsiderable amount over the country, and aside from his farm. Ol owns two or three farms being pretty well fixed in this world's goods, is a pretty good sort of a fellow to boot. Out on one of his big farms, the boys are keeping batch, and it is reported that they are being inconvenienced on account of the small pox—which is hurting none but inconveniencing many.

Mrs. Thelma Gourrassas, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Walman, of Texico, New Mexico, spent several days this week in Spur visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Harkey. Mrs. Gourrassas is now engaged in the moving picture show business in Texico and Farwell, stating that they were enjoying a good business. Mrs. Gourrassas was formerly with the Southwestern Telephone Co. at Spur, moving to Texico in the hope of benefitting the health of her husband who has been in very poor health a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Garner, Mrs. M. L. Jones and Miss Ella Garner attended the funeral of Mr. Cribbs at Matador last week.

**HOME FOR SALE.**

If you want a real home at a reasonable price and reasonable terms, see this home. This is a real home and you will like location, place and price.—Joe Gaines, owner. 20ff

**LOST**—Ford battery from delivery car, March 8th. Phoné 51, Spur.

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, was here this week for the first time in many moons. We thought that when he was favored again by being placed on the highway payrolls that he would come in oftener—but not so. We did our best to get that usual cigar but in this we were disappointed.

**SERVICE**

Among the delights of summer auto touring not the least—to the woman, at any rate, is noting the unusual signs which one sees along the roadside, especially if the ride gets away from the beaten path.

On a recent trip to central Vermont the two signs that amused the woman most were the following:  
 "Fresh eggs laid while you wait."  
 "This road leads to Lake Arlington—drive in."—New York Sun.

**Sentimental Convenience**

"If I ever fall in love again," said Miss Cayenne, "I'll fasten my affections to a motion-picture star."  
 "How extraordinary!"  
 "Not at all. It enables you for a small fee to observe the features of the beloved one at your convenience, without being bored by his conversation."—Washington Star.

**FUTURE TRADING  
 DOES NOT BENEFIT  
 FARMERS**

No honest American citizen can run the exchanges as they are run today. No patriotic American citizen will tolerate the exchanges when he fully understands what they are doing. No public servant can do his duty and allow these exchanges to continue as they are now operating. No Government can stand and allow the prosperity of its basic industry to be controlled by a gambling institution.

These are strong indictments. Can they be proved? I will present the evidence; the readers and the public are the jury, upon their decision rests the endurance of the Republic of the United States of America.

The first indictment alleges that the exchanges as they are now run are a fraud. What is fraud? Fraud is defined as: deceit, deception, trick by which the right of another is injured, by stating falsehoods or suppressing the truth, claiming to do one thing and doing another.

The exchanges claim that future trading stabilizes the price of farm products, that they are a benefit to the farmer and furnish a year-round market.

The Federal Trade Commission says, "Under existing conditions of speculation in grain futures no such stabilizing influence has been found. One witness testified before the House Agricultural Committee that the exchanges flourish on fluctuations. How then can an institution that flourishes on fluctuations be expected to stabilize prices? Eugene Meyer, Jr., told the President the exchanges were not big enough for the job of adjusting the prices of the great American wheat crop, nor were they dependable enough to be the wheat trade's 'sole-reliance,' that on a falling market the speculators often made matters 'worse instead of better.'"

In Senate Document No. 135 it is shown that the wheat prices declined 10 1-2 cents one day, 11 1-4 cents another day, 14 3-4 cents another day, advanced 4 1-2 cents another day, declined 6 cents in ten minutes, advanced from \$1.19 3-8 to \$2.05 7-8 or 86 1-4 cents from July 8, 1924, to the end of January, 1925, and then dropped 28 3-8 cents in twelve trading days. Then there was an upward swing followed by an "utter collapse"—dropping 65 1-2 cents in just thirty days. Does that sound stable? Pages and more pages of such evidence are available.

Do the exchanges and future trading benefit the farmer? William T. Chantland, formerly chief examiner for the Federal Trade Commission and in charge of grain investigation, in his testimony before the House the House Agricultural Committee Agricultural Committee said, "Isn't it fair to say that it simmers down to and may be briefly summarized in the claim that future trading trends to make a continuous and stabilized demand and market? . . . The question that at once arises is, does the future trading practice work to the advantage of either the producer class or the consumer class?—Any thing then which makes an undue spread between the price received by one and paid by the other is inimical to the general welfare and is, at least, an economic crime. Any unnecessary toll taken in between must come largely from one or the other of the two big classes named—unless and until those in between trading class have heretofore accumulated enough from such tolls that they may be emerged more or less in taking it from one another. But, quite clearly, the fortunes that have been built up by the class conducting and engaging in future trading, and their mansions and summer estates near such trading centers, indicate that the source thereof is not originally among themselves. It can only then have been at the expense of the other two, the producer and the consumer, or else those luckless 'lamb's' on the outside, who surely have no place or function for either producer or consumer. To repeat then the pri-

mary question, does future trading stabilize the market in any valuable economic sense?

Charles Quinn, secretary, National Grain Dealers Association, testified before the Agricultural Committee of the House that the exchanges were not run for the benefit of the farmer nor the consumer. He then testified, "After all, in its last analysis, enlightened self-interest is the only thing that finally controls in any board of trade run exclusively for the members of the board of trade." Accepting, then, Mr. Quinn's testimony as true, how can the farm be benefitted by the operations of the exchanges?

The Federal Trade Commission says, "When all is said, however, it does seem that the amount of price government that is aimless and fruitless in the sense that the price gets relatively nowhere as a result of it, is undesirably large. These fluctuations, if they do anybody good, are doubtless an opportunity for middlemen and speculators and not for producers and consumers."

D. L. Smith, sales manager, Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, Winnipeg, Canada, after years of experience in the grain trade says, ". . . it is perfectly evident that the old system of marketing is elementary and of practically no real value to the producer—that is, as far as the actual selling of the grain is concerned."

Mr. Smith then gives the same examples as is shown in Senate Document No. 135 and adds, "These examples surely show very clearly that, instead of the option market being a means of simplifying the system of marketing, it has actually brought about obstacles which at times are hard to overcome—Future markets can serve no useful purpose in the successful selling of our products—The option market may have in the past, on the prices quoted for various grains, had some relation to supply and demand; but today, with speculation almost entirely in control of markets, the actual value of a futures market, as far as legitimate grain trading is concerned, has become almost negligible."—By Judge L. Gough, President Texas Wheat Growers Association in Farm and Ranch.

**Practice Begins  
 Regularly For  
 the Entire Season**

Seventeen men have reported to Coach Woods for training for the baseball team. The baseball season has begun and practice is now in full swing on the athletic field.

Those who have reported are Harold Karr, Mac Watson, Richard Gibson, John A. Davis, Crate Snider, Brittain Forbis, Wallace Bingham, Huley Horn, Hub Hyatt, Bill Davis, Cecil McClung, Odis Holley, Carlton Gaines, Sam Clemmons, Bodie Stafford, Ray Karr.

Practice for the entire team begun last week but due to unfavorable weather only about one or two good workouts were had. Sandstorms have come altogether too regular, but are expected to let up soon and give time for a preparation for a successful season.

The boys were to play the town team last Friday afternoon, after the I. H. C. Course, but were called off on account of the sand. However, the town team played the Bulldogs Monday afternoon, and kept the boys busy chasing balls. Most of the town team are old school students and owe their experience to coaching in school.  
 —The Rowel.

Mrs. McKnight, of Wichita Falls, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Garner.

F. F. Henry, of Afton, dropped in and renewed his subscription one day this week. We have been here since the beginning of Spur, and there has never been an election year but that we have heard Mr. Henry mentioned as a suitable candidate for sheriff—and yet he has never entered a single campaign.

**SEVENTH GRADE**

PRESENTS

**"Rescued by Radio"**

DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL

Friday Night, March 18th.

CHARACTERS

Madge	Joyce Faye McIlhenny	The Hostess
Janet	A Guest of Honor at the House Party	Louise Durham
Bab	Mary Ellen Cessman	Her Young Sister
Helen	Tressie Foreman	Another Guest
Lucia	Ione Hale	A Strange Visitor
Kitty	Margrey Williams	A Maid
Miss Price	Allie Hulse	A Young Nurse
Ray	Faye Slough	Madge's Brother
Clem	Frank Gay	Guest at the House Party
Burt	Leo Speer	Another Guest
Robin	Ralph Cobb	Another Strange Guest
Kito	Randall Hawk	Butler

Time—The Present.  
 Scene—House Party at Madge's Summer Home.

SYNOPSIS

ACT I.—Radio waves register a kidnapping, an escape, a hold-up and a stray message which reads "Craig's Head. Eleven."  
 ACT II.—Further events bring about exciting rescue and a surprising revelation in regard to the two mysterious visitors.

SPECIALTIES

Reading—Lois May Speer  
 Family Album—Pupils  
 Piano Duet—Mrs. W. G. Crego and Ione Hale  
 Reading—Herman Harkey

**TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS.**

Fire—one amongst the greatest blessings when under proper restraint and control of man, but otherwise the most powerful destructive agency on earth, visited us at an early hour Tuesday of this week and destroyed our gin plant.

When we came here four years ago, we bought this plant in a badly rundown condition. We fought it out for three seasons, gradually eliminating the old and worse than useless machinery, repairing this and adding new machines there until we had finally succeeded in making as good a job of ginning as any man could make, and if the fire-god (or devil as you choose) had let me alone I was just getting in a position where I could live. But in less than one hour my four years work and a lifetime of savings had gone up in the smoke and down in ashes and debris.

But there is no use weeping now, even if we have had more than our share of bad luck in the past few weeks. We feel that we still have a host of loyal, honest, true friends and neighbors who will still be our friends and neighbors while we are temporarily down and out. I say temporarily because if given reasonable health and without providential

hindrance and with the friendly encouragement of neighbors and patrons, I will come back bigger and better than ever. And I will now thank you one and all for the past favors, and if I have ever by word or act in any way harmed or hurt even the least of you my friends or patrons—and I will broaden this by taking in any who have never been patrons and who for any reason might not be friends—I will repeat if I have harmed or hurt any of you I now apologise and ask you to forget.

And while we are at it, those who may owe us those little old differences on ginning, if there is a show for you to pay us we will need every penny we can get to help build back our plant.

Again we thank you for your liberal patronage. We have ginned more cotton and given a better sample than any human ever ginned in Dickens county before. We are proud of the record and give our friends, the credit, and we hope to be ready by September 1st to again serve you.—M. HARGROVE.

T. D. Hale, of Afton, was in the city Thursday.

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